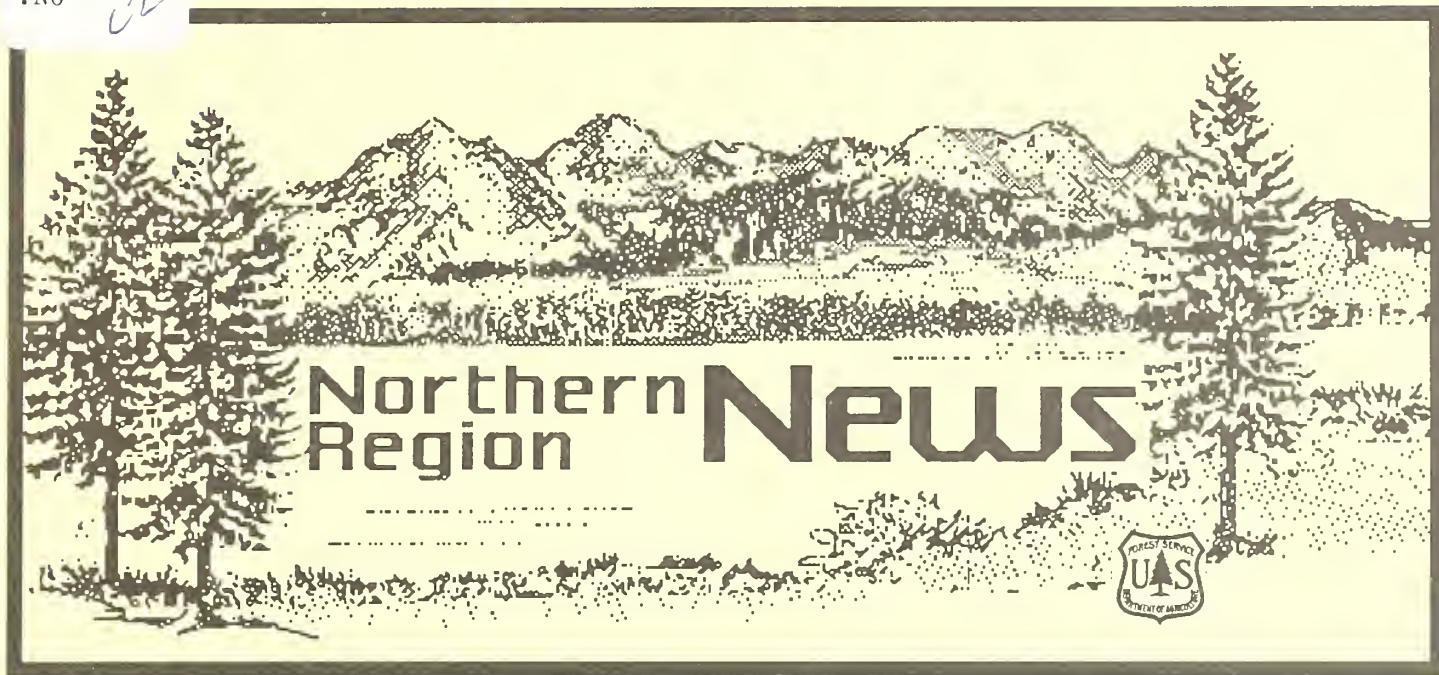


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### Regional News

## Implementing Forest Plans

Implementation of the Region's Forest Plans was one of the items of discussion at a recent meeting of the Regional Leadership Team in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The team, composed of Forest

Supervisors, Regional Office Directors, and the Regional Forester and his Deputies, developed the following Vision Statement which will guide implementation of Forest Plans in the Region.

### Forest Plan Implementation Vision Statement

#### Northern Region

*The Northern Region's Leadership Team fully intends to implement Forest Plans as directed by the executive branch and Congress. We expect to meet Forest Plan Management Direction and care for the long term values of the land. All budgeted targets will be accomplished in an efficient and quality manner.*

*Forest Plans are the best integrated resource management direction we have ever had. Now, we must accept the challenges of implementing these Plans. We must be innovative and committed to the difficult task ahead. We will adhere to the following principles:*

*\* Decisionmakers must follow the intent of NEPA to foster excellent action based on involving the public, considering a range of options and understanding the environmental consequences.*

*\* NEPA documents must be in compliance with the law. Our goal is to have project decisions two years ahead of implem-*

*entation and legally supportable. Where roadless values are significantly affected we will do an EIS.*

*\* Budget requests and project schedules to implement Plan direction will be balanced and realistic to achieve.*

*\* Plans will be monitored and annual evaluations will show the differences. Implications will be explained and used as the basis for change.*

*We recognize there will be changes. Forest Plans must be dynamic. Over time, as we experience change though new opportunities, resource impacts, management direction and budget or executive direction, we will amend the Plans.*

*The Regional Leadership Team fully supports this vision. As of February 10, 1989, we agree to communicate these commitments to our people.*





## Northern Region Award Winners



Northern Region leaders display awards. Front row, left to right: Rick Stowell, fisheries biologist, Nez Perce NF; Jim Rathbun, supervisor, Kootenai NF; John Mumma, Regional Forester; Tom Kovalicky, supervisor, Nez Perce NF. Back row: Wayne Paradis, fisheries biologist, Clearwater District, Nez Perce NF; Jim Mershan, ranger, Cabinet Ranger Station, Kootenai NF; Bob Thompson, geologist, Kootenai NF; Nan Christianson, formerly geologist, Bozeman Ranger District, Gallatin NF (currently on the Bitterroot NF). Photo by Yuen-Gi Yee.

Some of the Northern Region's star programs and individuals were recognized in Washington D.C. in January when Chief Dale Robertson distributed awards during the Regional Foresters and Directors meeting.

### National Minerals Award

The National Minerals Award for 1988 went to the Kootenai NF and to Robert Oldfield of the National Forests in North Carolina. Jim Rathbun, Kootenai NF supervisor, Jim Mershan, ranger at Cabinet Ranger Station, and Bob Thompson, geologist, accepted the award.

The National Minerals Award was initiated to stress the importance of the minerals program within the Forest Service and to recognize personnel who have made substantial contributions to this program.

The Cabinet Mountains Wilderness on the Kootenai NF has one of the world's largest copper-silver deposits in the world. It is also home to the grizzly bear. The Kootenai NF showed exemplary leadership in developing a partnership with industry, environmental groups, the State of Montana, and local communities. The understanding, respect and trust generated has enabled mining projects to proceed with a minimum of litigation, appeals, and controversy, and in an environmentally sound manner.

### National Recreation Strategy

Nan Christianson was one of nine people honored for outstanding work in implementing the agency's National Recreation Strategy. Christianson, now on the Bitterroot NF, played a key role in the design and development of the Hyalite Canyon Challenge Project while she was on the Gallatin NF. This project provided handicapped access to several trails and fishing areas in Hyalite Canyon, a recreation area just south of Bozeman, Montana.

This tremendous project was accomplished by working with local residents who responded by volunteering \$100,000 in manpower, material and money.

### Fish and Wildlife Awards

*by David Johnson, fisheries biologist, Regional Office*

The Nez Perce NF was selected from Northern Region Forests for outstanding achievement in implementing "Rise to the Future," the National Fisheries Action Program. Tom Kovalicky (forest supervisor, Rick Stowell (forest fisheries biologist), and Wayne Paradis (district fisheries biologist) participated in the award ceremony.

The Nez Perce NF has been aggressively pursuing action items in the Rise to the Future program since the Chief first appointed a Fisheries Task Force in 1986. They spread the word about the program at over 20 different conferences and

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## A Visit From George Dunlop

*by Gina Gahagan, forestry technician, timber zone*

The Gallatin NF is looking back at the old year. One of the most striking events that took place was the undertaking of the Hyalite Challenge Project.

The project, whose focus is the development of access to recreation areas for the physically disabled, became popular with both public groups and private individuals. It is due to them and the dedication of the many Federal employees involved that the project has been a huge success.

The time was ripe for such a venture, and people and clubs turned out in full force, donating over 5,000 hours of their own time, as well as almost \$15,000

in supplies and equipment, and close to \$70,000 in cash. The Forest Service donated over \$47,000 in funds in 1988 and in 1989 will donate another \$15,000. The National Recreation Cost-Share Program will donate about \$8,000 of these dollars.

Leaders in this project were recognized in a big way when Assistant Secretary of Agriculture George Dunlop presented "Take Pride in America" awards at a ceremony on the Gallatin NF. Dunlop gave the awards to Bozeman Ranger District, the Gallatin Empire Lions Club, and Nan Christianson, the District's coordinator for the Hyalite Project.



*Bozeman District Ranger John Dolan (right) receives Take Pride In America award from Assistant Secretary of Agriculture George Dunlop.*

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### Regional News

## Challenge Cost-Share in 1988

By now you may have seen the Northern Region's 1988 Challenge Cost-Share report. Copies have been sent to each Forest for distribution, to the other Regions, to the many other agencies and organizations who were cooperators, and to other sportsman's organizations within the Region.

The report, a beautiful full-color brochure, is a cooperative venture itself, with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation a partner in its publication. It was created by Bill Hayden of the Grand Teton National Park, Dave Tippetts, R.O. Information Office, and Alan Christensen, R.O. Wildlife and Fisheries. Many Forests in the Region contributed information and photos.

The Challenge Cost-Share program, created in 1986,

provides matching federal funds to complement private contributions for fish and wildlife management projects on National Forest managed lands. With the help of 37 partners, 35 projects were completed in 1988. All 13 National Forests in the Northern Region participated, and total monetary value of the projects accomplished exceeded \$600,000. Private contributions ranged from labor from a Boy Scout Troop to \$50,000 contributed by Ducks Unlimited.

The Challenge Cost-Share program works because it provides opportunities for private citizens to actively participate in public land management, stimulating their interest and encouraging their participation.

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meetings, sponsored at least six field trips annually to demonstrate their fisheries improvement projects, hired additional fisheries expertise to implement an expanded program, and increased their fish habitat improvement budget to one of the largest in the Forest Service system.

The Chief commented that "...the Nez Perce NF has established the standard for fisheries management in the Northern Region."

The Custer NF was recognized for having demonstrated outstanding achievement in Challenge Cost-Share programs to benefit fish and wildlife. Regional Forester John Mumma

accepted the award on behalf of the Forest. Cost-share projects on the Custer NF included construction of a dam to increase wetlands and provide additional habitat for ducks and geese; monitoring the effects of seismic activity on elk; identifying critical habitats for elk, bear and moose; re-introducing peregrine falcons into some of their historic range; and others.

The Custer NF cooperated with three times as many private partners as any other Northern Region Forest, and their cooperators contributed 20% of the Region's total cost share revenues. The Forest's cost-share programs resulted in over \$100,000 in project accomplishments.



## Flathead National Forest

### **Big Creek Work Center--A New Beginning**

*by Madelyn Kempf, public affairs assistant*

**T**he Flathead NF, in an effort to promote environmental education, has leased the Big Creek Work Center to Glacier Institute, a non-profit outdoor education organization.

Renamed the Big Creek Outdoor Education Center, the facility is located adjacent to Glacier National Park and the North Fork of the Flathead River. The facility will be managed through the cooperative efforts of the Flathead NF, Glacier Institute, Glacier National Park, Flathead Valley Community College and the Glacier Natural History Association.

Listed on the National Historic Register, Big Creek can house up to 40 people in pleasant dormitory-style accommodations. The facility includes two bunkhouses with hot and cold running water, showers and flush toilets; and a meeting hall that serves as kitchen, dining area, and main classroom.



*Big Creek Ranger Station. Glacier Institute Photo*

Glacier Institute has selected Susie Bouton, a certified teacher, as director. In this unique outdoor classroom, visitors can enjoy the beauty of the North Fork of the Flathead River and neighboring Glacier National Park, while participating in a wide range of environmental programs. Bouton has a full schedule of activities

planned for this year—five Elderhostels, four week-long youth courses, a week-long teachers' workshop, and possibly weekly naturalist training sessions. College professors from around the country have also selected Big Creek as the site to work on a science and math teachers' grant.

The Big Creek Outdoor Education Center is off to a good start and shows a promising future. For additional information and an agenda, call Susie Bouton at Big Creek (406) 752-6078, or Madelyn Kempf, Flathead NF (406) 755-5401.

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## Custer National Forest

### **Ecosystem Classification: A View To The Future**

*by Lynn Wessman, range conservationist, Medora Ranger District*

**T**he Custer NF is involved in a new and exciting project that will help us better understand our resource base and achieve better on-the-ground management in the future.

With the assistance of the Regional Ecology Staff, the Forest has begun an ecosystem classification of the Little Missouri National Grasslands in Western North Dakota. This will provide a single data base which will be accessible for all functions to use and build on, in developing resource value interpretations.

For example, for a given parcel of land, a wildlife biologist would be able to access the data base to determine hiding cover for potential carrying capacities for livestock and wildlife species, and a landscape architect will be able to visualize potential scenic values. It will help to achieve Forest Plan objectives by allowing us to understand land potentials and do a better job through NEPA, of assigning Desired Future Conditions with confidence that they are realistic goals.

The Forest is so committed to the project that it has

accepted this large workload with no additional funding. District range conservationists have been responsible for collecting, entering and analyzing the data from over 700 sites throughout two Districts. The data was separated first by vegetation structure. The Region One Ecopac computer programs were used to aggregate the plots by similarity of vegetation characteristics, then by soil and site characteristics. Next year the project will continue with inventory of woodland types.

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## The Leading Edge

by John Mumma  
Regional Forester



Regional Forester  
John Mumma

**T**he Regional Leadership Team (consisting of Forest Supervisors, Regional Office Directors, the Deputies and myself) recently met in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, to discuss some items of interest to all of you. Of particular importance was the Vision Statement for Forest Management Plans, as it appears on the front page of this newsletter. The group spent two days discussing Forest Plan implementation. This Vision Statement is one result of that discussion.

Since completion of the Forest Plans in the fall of 1987 we have begun implementing those plans. It's important to remember that while the Forest Plans represent our best collective effort, the extent to which the plans can be implemented is dependent upon Congressional budget action. It will take some time for us in working closely with Congress to get the plans working, and in the meantime they continue to be funded at different levels for each program area.

Congress may choose to fund 90% of the one resource program contained in the Forest Plan, while funding 70% of other programs. These amounts have targets associated with them, and the percentage of the budget for each changes on an annual basis. For example, in the last couple years we have witnessed an increase in the budget for the trails program, recreation program, and wildlife and fisheries program. It is my prediction that these percentages will continue to increase and come closer into line with projected Forest Plan budgets as more and more people recognize the significance of Forest Plans. Each of you has a role to play in helping our public understand that those plans were prepared with their input.

Some assumptions were made in preparing the plans. It was assumed that a particular amount of funding would be allotted. It was also assumed that Congress would not make any significant changes from what the plan was based on. If either of these items vary, there will be an impact on the rate of implementation, or the total plan may be unachievable in the planned

time frame. For example, if Congress chooses to fund us for 50% for all programs, we would only be able to produce 50% of the outputs envisioned in the plan.

Or, if Congress chooses to pass a new law that would affect our programs, we may not be able to implement some plans as proposed. For example, if certain watersheds are designated as critical, and limitations affecting proposed development are imposed on the management of these areas, we would not be able to complete that development as planned.

It's entirely possible that both of these examples could occur. In either case, amendments or revisions to existing plans would be required. This is an important principle to keep in mind since we work with a dynamic process that will require changes. We also work with a very interested public that will influence Congress, the courts, and the administration.

And where are you in this process? As you might expect, being the professionals you are, and being charged with tremendous responsibilities, you often find yourselves clearly in the middle of these debates. You must realize that some of these things are out of your control. This puts you in a difficult situation.

I personally feel that the Forest Plans represent, by far, the best proposed management of our National Forests that has ever existed. I'm extremely proud of the efforts that went into developing them and I want to thank you for that. The task we have before us now is to implement the plans, to the best of our ability. That is, in essence, the spirit of the Vision Statement. Please take the time to read it carefully and make every attempt to share that vision with others.

## News Briefs

### ➤ New Scenic Byway

The Beartooth Highway, which traverses through the Custer and Gallatin NFs in Region One, and the Shoshone NF in Region Two, is the second Scenic Byway to be designated in the Northern Region. The first was the Wise River-Polaris Road on the Beaverhead NF. The Beartooth Highway begins at Red Lodge, Montana and goes through the Beartooth Mountains for 69 miles to the communities of Cooke City and Silvergate, then terminates at the northeast entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Scenic Byways showcase outstanding scenic areas on National Forests. The Beartooth Highway is the

highest elevation highway in the Rockies outside the State of Colorado. The route is also rich in cultural history, and offers opportunities to study geological history, glaciation, and alpine vegetation.

### ➤ Danny On Trail Featured

The Flathead NF's Danny On Trail, named after Danny On, former silviculturist for the Forest, and noted photographer, will be featured in the April issue of Prevention magazine as one of the top 10 trails in the nation.



## Federal Women's Program Schedules Special Day

**M**arch 8 is the date set to recognize two designated commemorative events—Federal Women's Week and Women's History Month. A full day is planned for attendees, according to Donna Bott, Regional Federal Women's Program (FWP) Manager. The program will be held at the Village Red Lion Inn in Missoula from 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

Jan Wold, Deputy Forest Supervisor for the Idaho Panhandle NFs will speak to the program's theme, "Creating New Hori-

zons." Carole Reynolds, a workshop leader for National Seminars, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada, will talk on the subject "Attitude is Contagious." LaDorothy Pittman, the Washington Office FWP Manager will be here relating national perspectives of the FWP, and a special panel will discuss "Women in the Outdoors." To top off the program, Rosalie Jones, known as "Daystar," will perform American Indian women's

dances. Anyone in the Region is welcome and encouraged to attend.



*Donna Bott, Regional Federal Women's Program Manager*

This is one of many activities sponsored by the Federal Women's Program. FWP managers also sponsor events like Career Days for High School students, job information fairs, job application training, and programs addressing current issues and concerns affecting women today. Each Forest in the Region, as well as the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula, has a FWP manager.

Bott's job as Regional FWP manager includes, among other things, overseeing the Region's FWP program, managing the Regional Affirmative Action Program, recruiting women and minorities, identifying problem areas affecting women, and providing assistance to female and minority employees.

### Regional Office

## FWP Sponsors Program

*by Thelma Norskog, business management assistant*



*Ellen Gilliam, Reach to Recovery Coordinator*

**T**he Regional Office Federal Women's Program Advisory/Action Committee sponsored a Focus on Health session on January 26. The goal of the session was to increase awareness on breast cancer detection, treatment, and recovery.

Ellen Gilliam, Missoula Coordinator for Reach to Recovery, spoke on breast cancer risk and treatment options. Arlen Roll (R.O. personnel management) and his wife Maryle, and Stan Skousen (R.O. engineer-

ing) and his wife Connie, participated on a panel entitled "Dealing with Mastectomy." Dr. Donald E. Murray, Board Certified Plastic and Reconstruction Surgeon, presented Post Mastectomy Reconstruction Options.

Around 50 people attended the session. The committee was commended for an excellent and informative program.

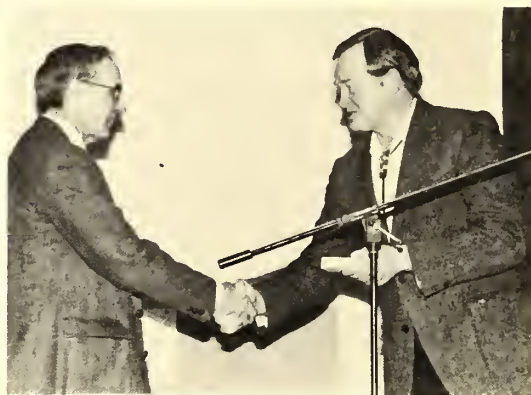


*Dr. Donald E. Murray, plastic surgeon*

### Beaverhead National Forest

## A Fond Farewell to a Special Ranger

*by Dave Tippetts, public affairs specialist, R.O.*



*Regional Forester John Mumma (right) bids goodbye to retiring District Ranger Vergil Lindsey.*

**T**wo hundred and sixty people gathered to wish Madison District Ranger Vergil Lindsey a happy retirement on January 29 in Virginia City.

Vergil Lindsey is remembered by friends as the ranger who talked straight, shot straight and always rode a fast horse. His management style showed results in land well cared for.

In 1988 Regional Forester John Mumma presented Vergil with the Region's first Outstanding Ranger award. The Region also nominated him for the first national Forest Service Range Management Award.





## Retirements

**Richard Hockley**, civil engineer on the Beaverhead NF since 1972, retired February 11 after nearly 34 years Federal service. He worked on the Payette, Boise and Challis NFs in Idaho before transferring to the Beaverhead NF.

**Billy Hardman**, range program leader in the Regional Office, retired recently after 31 years of Federal service. He worked on the Roosevelt and White River NFs in Colorado, then transferred to the Nebraska NF in South Dakota as ranger on the Wall District. He was staff officer for the Arapaho-Roosevelt NF in Colorado from 1971-73, then served as a team leader for the U.S. Agency for International Development at Nakuru, Kenya, East Africa, for two years, before joining the Regional Office staff in 1975.

## Missoula Technology Development Center

### New Management Team Members at MTDC

**R**ichard Haines recently became the new program leader for operations at the Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC). Haines had been forest engineer on the Siskiyou NF, Grants Pass, Oregon, since 1977. Other assignments have included the Kaniksu, Clearwater, Deerlodge and Kootenai NFs. Haines, a native of Helena, is replacing David Rising who will assume responsibilities for the center's engineering program.

Also joining MTDC is Richard Mangan, who will succeed Art Jukkala as program leader for fire and aviation, residues, and safety. Jukkala is retiring later this year. Mangan was fire and recreation staff officer on the Ochoco NF for the past 3 1/2 years. He has also worked on the Wallowa-Whitman, Colville, and Willamette NFs.

## Personnel Actions

### BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST

BRADLEY, EVI, clk typ, Stevensville RD, cash award  
BUSH, LAURIE, clk, Trapper Creek JCC, career cond appt  
CHRISTIANSON, NAN, frstry, Darby RD, reassign to frstry (inter), SO  
GIBSON, NANCY L., resource clerk, Stevensville RD, cash award  
HINMAN, JERRY, frstry technician (fire), Sula RD, retire  
LORANGER, JIM, rec center dir, Dept. of Defense, reassign/prom to supv  
rec spec, Trapper Creek JCC  
SCHUTZA, JUDY, forester, Darby RD, reassign to resource asst, Bridger-Teton NF  
UNDERWOOD, RITA, compr asst, West Fork RD, cash award  
VOLDEN, RON, suprvy civil eng, SO, retire  
WAYMIRE, BRUCE, civil engrg techncn, cash award

### CLEARWATER NATIONAL FOREST

BESS, KATHY, suprt serv suprv, North Fork RD, cash award  
BOSTON, BOB, multi-res staff, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
BROWER, DIANE, clk typ, Supervisor's Office, promotion and cash award  
BURNS, PAIGE, comp progrmr, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
CASTILLE, SONNY, Corps of Eng, reassign to frstr, Lochsa RD  
CHIPMAN, DON, mech, SO, prom to trans ops spec, SO  
COOPER, JUANITA, Wasatch-Cache NF, R-4, prom to admin ofcr, SO  
CORBETT, BETTY, fin asst, SO, retirement and cash award  
CORDER, PEGGY, supp clk, SO Office, cash award  
FULLER, KIM, res clk, Pierce RD, cash award  
GRIMM, VICKI, purch clk, Pierce RD, cash award  
JAGEMAN, HARRY, wldlf biol, North Fork RD, cash award  
JONES, DIANA, career cond appt, landscape architect trainee  
KIRTLAND, CONNIE, payroll clk, Pierce RD, cash award  
LASHLY, GAYLE, purch agt, cash award  
MANNING, JONI, reassign to clk typ, Palouse RD  
MEEK, JUDY, res clk, Palouse RD, cash award  
MITCHELL, KAREN, acctg tech, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
MOORE, MARION, engrg drftman, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
MUSGRAVE, BONNIE, res clk, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
OTT, TERRI, frstr tech, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
RATLIFF, KENNETH, Six Rivers NF, R-5, prom to suprv civil eng, SO  
RHODE, TOM, planning staff, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
RIEMAN, JEANNE, pers clk, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
ROBERTSON, BRUCE, engr equip op, Palouse RD, cash award  
SUK, SALLY, comp progrmr anal, Supervisor's Office, cash award  
WALKER, SARAH, reinst to frstr tech, North Fork and Lochsa RDs  
WEDDLE, BENNIE, supprt serv suprv, Pierce RD, cash award  
WILSON, KENDA, pers clk, Supervisor's Office, cash award

### KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSEN, TED, forstr, Libby RD, reassign, Libby RD  
BELLON, DREW, dist rngr, Rexford RD, sus sup perf award  
BISSONETTE, GEORGE, sup frst tech, Cabinet RD, QSI  
BREE, KAREN, compr asst, SO, sus sup perf  
CURTIS, GEORGE, sup frstr, Rexford RD, sus sup perf  
DIEZIGER, GARY, compr asst, SO, sus sup perf  
FERRUZZI, ED, frstry tech, Fortine RD, promotion  
GENTRY, DONNA, fnce clk, NESS, sus sup perf  
HOLTHAUS, CONNIE, reinstate, clk typ, SO  
KEMPF, JONATHAN, civil engr, East Zone Eng, temp  
prom, sup civil engr  
KINCHELOE, TOM, reinstate, frstr, Rexford RD  
LARSON, GLENDA, dupl equip oprtr, SO, sus sup perf  
MCCLOSKEY-BAUER, NORA, prog asst, SO, spec act  
MITA, ROY, frstr, Three Rivers RD, reassign, frstr, Beaverhead NF  
NELSON, BRENDA, pers asst, SO, AS, spec act  
RIGHTER, JOHN, dist rngr, Three Rivers RD, spec act  
SKJERNEN, JOEL, forstr, Fortine RD, reassignment  
SPOONER, JEANNE, sup prog asst, SO, promotion pub aff spec, SO  
WOODGER, CRAIG, frstry tech, IPNFs, reassign, frstry tech, Rexford RD

### NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

BRIXEN, ALLEN, frstr, Clearwater RD, retirement  
CLARKE, DOUGLAS, frstr tech, Red River RD, career cond appt  
DAVIS, MARY, frstr tech, Red River RD, career cond appt  
DESSER, ROCHELLE, frstr tech, Clearwater RD, career cond appt  
ELLIOTT, KEVIN, oper res analyst, SO, award  
GREEN, DAVID, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, career cond appt  
HARCOURT, MARGARET, dupl equip oper, SO, promotion  
HATTER, DEBRA, compr asst, SO, award  
HILL, LOIS, resour clk, Selway RD, promotion  
HINDS, LINDA, acct tech, SO, promotion  
KLEMENT, LISA, clk typ, Clearwater RD, career, cond appt  
KLEMENT, LORI, time & lv clk typ, SO, promotion  
MILLER, CATHERINE, resour clk typ, Elk City RD, promotion  
MONCRIEF, ELLIS, supv contractg spec, SO, retirement  
PARSELL, NEAL, tech pub wri biol sci, SO, promotion nte, award  
REYNOLDS, GARY, pers offer, SO, award  
RIHA-FOX, CONNIE, frstr, SO, award  
SHEPHERD, KAREN, staffing asst, SO, promotion  
STEED, ROGERS, supv frstr, Red River RD, promotion  
ZACHARY, RUTH, clk typ, Salmon River RD, promotion

## Memoranda of Understanding Signed



*Joe Salinas, North Dakota Coordinator for the Custer NF, signs Memorandum of Understanding. Watching are David Bryant, Dean, South Dakota State University, College of Agriculture (left), Walter Dale Miller, Lieutenant Governor of South Dakota, and George S. Mickelson (standing), Governor of South Dakota.*

Two important memoranda of understanding (MOU's) were signed recently in Rapid City, SD which will guide resource management and range allotment planning. Federal land management agencies have agreed to coordinate resource planning with the State of South Dakota and with local users.

One agreement concerned coordinated resource management—a process for reaching consensus on complex issues involving both public and private lands. Joe Salinas, North Dakota Coordinator for the Custer NF, Bismarck, ND, signed this MOU on behalf of Regional Forester John Mumma, along with South Dakota Governor George Mickelson. Other parties to this agreement are the South Dakota State University Agriculture College, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Soil Conservation Service, and the Rocky Mountain Region, Forest Service.

The second agreement concerned range allotment management plans on South Dakota's two National Forests, three National Grasslands, and BLM lands. This MOU was signed by Nebraska NF supervisor Bob Storch, Black Hills NF supervisor Darrel Kenops, Custer NF range staff officer Jim Fishburn, Governor Mickelson, and John Kwatskowski of the BLM.

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